

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Sean HANDEL et al.)	Group Art Unit: 3682
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Application No.: 09/196,338)	Examiner: Arthur D. Duran
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Filed: November 19, 1998)	
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For: A PERSONALIZED PRODUCT)	Confirmation No.: 9014
REPORT)	

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the Notice of Allowance mailed October 21, 2011. Without withdrawing the allowed claims from issue, Applicants submit these comments for the record.


In the Notice of Allowance, the Examiner provided a statement of reasons for allowance, which emphasized or focused on certain elements of the independent claims. Although Applicant agrees with the Examiner's ultimate conclusion that the claims are allowable, Applicant submits that the claims are allowable not solely because certain elements of the claims are not disclosed by prior art. Rather, the claims are allowable because they recite novel and non-obvious combinations of elements, including combinations not mentioned in the Examiner's statement.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of these Comments, please charge the fee to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: January 10, 2012

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